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OPEN ALL NIGHT

Thomas C. Main Dies Suddenly

We were handed a clipping from a paper printed at Delaware, Ohio, telling of the recent death of Thos. C. Main, son of A. B. Main and grand-son of John Greenlee. John Greenlee, who originally settled what is known as the Greenlee ranch about twelve miles east of Marfa, lived in Presidio County for nearly twenty-five years, and just prior to his death lived in Marfa. A few years before his death he sold his ranch to his son-in-law, A. B. Main of Delaware, Ohio. The Main boys have often visited Marfa and are known to many of our citizens. The following is the account of this sad and untimely death:

Thomas C. Main, aged 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Main, was suddenly stricken with heart failure Monday evening at 10:15 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Conklin, just south of the city, where, with other young people, he was spending the evening.

Apparently death came without the slightest warning, as no word of complaint that he was not feeling well had come from him.

The last words uttered by Mr. Main were in a jesting manner when he told George K. Hoffman,

another member of the party, that his services were needed in the kitchen to aid in preparation of refreshments.

Mr. Hoffman started for the kitchen and had just reached the door with Mr. Main following him, when he heard Mr. Main fall. Turning, he immediately saw something was wrong and picked up the prostrate young man, who probably died before he could be placed on a couch.

Dr. McCarty was summoned, but the young man was beyond aid. Death was due either to heart disease or a blood clot. It is believed to have been the former.

Mr. Main was one of the widely known young men of the city. He was assistant cashier of the Deposit Banking Company and a veteran of the World war, having served as a lieutenant in the 314th Regiment of the 79th Division.

He was wounded in the arm during the Argonne engagement and was for some time in a hospital in France, but was believed entirely recovered from this wound.

So far as is known, Mr. Main was not a victim of the German gas, which might have superinduced heart trouble. He arrived back from France last May, and received his discharge at Camp Dix, New Jersey, on June 3. He arrived in

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MARFA, TEXAS

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Public Stenographer

Notary Public

Delaware on June 5, the afternoon of the soldiers' homecoming celebration.

He was a member of the Scottish Rite Masonic body, including the 32nd degree, and the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Delaware Club, and of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He attended both Delaware High School and Ohio Wesleyan University.

Surviving are his father and mother and two brothers, Mr. Hayes Main of Dallas, Texas, and Mr. Leo Main of the Elm Valley Road.

A Visitor's Impression of Marfa and Surrounding Country

By N. Hillary Harrison

When only a child I used to hear a little song, a portion of which ran as follows: "Oh give me a home where the deer and antelope play; where never is heard a discouraging word, and the sky is not cloudy all day."

All of my life I have longed to discover such a land as the song depicts. I have traveled from ocean to ocean, and visited in many of the states of the Union, and I find this section to more nearly fulfill the song's description than any other place I have seen.

This matchless climate, with its crisp air and almost constant sunshine; these whole-hearted people, with their buoyant, uncomplaining spirit; these vast stretches of picturesque hills and valleys in which the white face cattle sometimes mingle with the antelope and the deer; these many undeveloped resources that are manifest at every turn, fulfill my life's dream of an ideal country.

Marfa has evidently been very modest in proclaiming her merits, but the time has come when the story must be told. There is the "Call of the West" that is getting hold of the outside world, and when it becomes known that out on the

Southern Pacific, at the foot of the Davis Mountains, and at the very entrance of the "Big Bend" section, this growing little city has an altitude the same as Denver, a climate unsurpassed by California. Marfa will have to get busy to take care of the visitors that will be drawn this way.

Nor is altitude and climate and splendid citizenship all of which Marfa can boast. There are commercial opportunities here equal to any to be found in any section of Texas.

All of this has so impressed me that it is a real pleasure to tell it to the other fellow.

Long live Marfa.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Mrs. Chas. Bailey delightfully entertained the Marfa Bridge Club last Monday afternoon. The home was artistically decorated in yellow. After a number of interesting games of bridge a delicious salad course was served by the hostess. Those present were Mesdames Jas. Walker, Ben Pruett, Thomas Miles, O. L. Shipman, R. S. MacCracken, A. M. Porter, W. R. Ake, Joe Humphreys, W. P. Fischer, Raymond Fitzgerald, Thomas Snyder, W. R. Yates.

One of the prettiest parties of the New Year was given last Monday evening at 6:30 at the home of Mrs. A. M. Porter. The affair was given by Mrs. O. L. Shipman to the members of the Marfa Bridge Club. The reception rooms were fragrant with pink roses, and the beautifully appointed table in the dining room was centered with a beautiful bouquet of pink roses, tied with a large white bow of maline, illumined with six pink candles in crystal candle holders. A three course dinner was served, after which the guests were entertained with bridge.

Those present were: Mesdames

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Mrs. Chas. Bailey gave a charming Forty-Two party last Saturday afternoon to a large circle of friends. The home was beautifully decorated, and the large fire place glowed with a home-like blaze that gave out good cheer to one and all. At the close of the games delicious refreshments were served, and a social hour was enjoyed.

Those present were: Mesdames W. P. Fischer, Raymond Fitzgerald, Tom Snyder, Ben Pruett, C. R. Sutton, Wm. Mimms, Miss Harrison, Lizzie Davis, Bounds, Graves, Bogel, Conner, Crawford Mitchell, F. A. Mitchell, W. B. Mitchell, T. C. Mitchell, Chas. Pruett, Homer Colquitt, C. E. Mead, M. R. Mahon, L. C. Brite, Tom Crosson, John Livingston, J. W. Pool, Miss Bessie Jacobs.

W. G. Moore is shipping today from Valentine to Fort Worth a car of fat cows purchased from C. O. Finley.

HOUSEHOLD SCIENCE CLUB

The Household Science Club met last Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Hoffman. The members had a most interesting session. Mrs. Hoffman gave a practical demonstration of the Boston loaf. Mrs. C. R. Sutton read an interesting and instructive paper on the subject of food.

Refreshments were served. The club guests were Mrs. Homer Colquitt and Mrs. John Bean. The next regular meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Lackley on January 29.

DISTRICT COURT

Court convenes in Marfa next Monday, January 26. No petit jury has been summoned for the first week, but will be on hand February 2 of the second week.

SOME PRESIDIO RECORDS

The County Clerk's records show the following for the past year 1919:

Births	108
Deaths	104
Divorces granted	17
Marriage licenses issued	178

The Crown Cafe

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 1920

12 o'clock Noon Dinner
Soup—Cream of Tomato
Young Baked Turkey with French Dressing
Leg of Pork Apple Sauce
Petit Pois in Cream
Petit Pois Peas in Cream
Cauliflower au Gratin
Snowflake Potatoes
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MARFA, TEXAS, JAN. 24, 1920

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are authorized to announce V. I. Cargile as a candidate for the office of representative of the 117th District, subject to the action of the primaries, July, 1920.

Assassination and revolution follow the footsteps of oppression.

In 1910 when taking the census there were at least 60 vacant houses in Marfa. We have heard of none this year.

We notice that in a number of our exchanges candidates have begun to talk at about \$10 per conversation. The New Era is now ready to say a few words.

The boycott is now being used in some places as the effective weapon to reduce the high prices now so universal. The boycott is aimed at the thing and not the person.

The New York Assembly has suspended its five Socialist members. We suppose the Republicans and Democrats united forces in this brilliant political coup de main. Let the people rule!

According to the Texas Industrial Congress there is nothing in the agricultural situation as it exists today to indicate materially cheaper prices for food stuffs.

There is no question that as long as high prices exist the world's unrest will continue. It is equally true that by greater production of food stuff prices will tend downward, and to a great extent the constant agitation among the people will subside.

But how is this increased production to come about? Everyone is going to the cities. There they buy and sell, build and multiply. The cities are becoming congested. We forget that the country supports the city, and not the city the country. Back to the farm. Let the people live.

The latest crime committed by Woodrow Wilson was the defeat of Clemenceau for the presidency of France. It is now in order to indict and try him for being the father of the League of Nations. Let the people think.

It is still probe, probe and probe. Graft, graft and graft. It seems that the latest is the hero graft. Admiral Sims stirred it, and the Congressional committee is now probing and probing the thing, sets up a medal trust. These evidences of honor were being handed out promiscuously. Some of the higher ups refused to be thrice decorated. Crosses, stars and ribbons were rained down. It became a storm of glittering honors. Anyone with a basket could catch it full. They were being peddled about the battle fields of Europe, the street corners were occupied by the salesmen. During these times of high prices, these commodities were becoming too cheap. Instead of being a badge of honor they caused suspicion, a sign of fraud—and maybe dishonor—when worn on the breasts of a few medal made heroes.

The more we pry into politics the more we are convinced the fellows who veer around like a weathercock, blow hot and cold with the same mouth, good Gd., good devil, water on one shoulder and whiskey in the other, and always keeping near to the bung hole of the barrel, are the political skunks under the back porch.

OUR CHURCHES

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

On account of unfavorable weather conditions the attendance at the Christian Endeavor meeting last Sunday was small. The regularly prepared program was not carried out on account of the absence of so many members. The session was on "Character Building". An open discussion among those present was had.

The topic for Sunday, January 25, is "Missions." Much can and will be said upon the topic, both for home and foreign missions. But what promises to be a very interesting feature is a debate which has been arranged by the program committee upon the question: Resolved, that Foreign Missions Are More Important than Home Missions. The debaters are as follows: Affirmative, H. O. Metcalf, Tyler Wilkinson, Julian Wease, Mrs. F. L. Anderson, Mrs. P. F. King, Loyce Neill; negative, F. L. Anderson, Bill Bailey, Ora Lock, Mrs. J. J. Maurer, Irma Aiken, Evan Home.

An interesting program is expected, and everyone is cordially invited.

Junior Christian Endeavor

Jan. 25, 1920.

Place, Christian Church.

Time, 3 o'clock.

Leader, Argenta Clayton.

Program:

Subject, How to Read the Bible.

Song.

Prayer.

Scripture reading, Acts 17:11, by the leader.

Clippings, by Juniors.

Scripture readings on the best ways of reading the Bible.

1. Children need God's word, Deut. 11:19.

2. Read the book of the Lord, Isa. 34:16.

3. Know your Bible, 2 Tim. 3:1-16.

4. Search the Scriptures, John 8:39.

5. Lay it up in your heart, Deut. 11:18.

6. Think about its teaching, Ps. 1:2.

Roll call, to be answered by a verse of Scripture.

Song.

Benediction.

THE Presbyterian Church

Sunday is Dr. Irving's day at the Presbyterian Church. You should hear him. He is going to bring a real heart message to hungry people. At 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Baptist Church

The pastor expects to be in the service Sunday morning, and hopes that all of the members will be in the pews.

If he is physically fit, he will speak on a most vital theme at the morning hour, a theme that is of vast importance just at this time.

There is an evidence of real religious progress among the churches of Marfa. I am glad to see the work of the other churches going forward in a great way, but I want to see all of our Baptist people giving themselves unstintingly to the task of making our church fulfill its part in the religious development of this splendid, growing little city.

A most cordial welcome will be given to all who attend our services. C. S. HARRISON, Pastor.

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By A. M. Avant.

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One 6-room residence in northern part of town. Price \$3,500.

One Block of land in northern part of town.

One 3-room house close in; price \$1,300.

Five lots close in, \$500.

Two 4-room houses; price \$2,000.

One 6-room house with well and windmill, and orchard; close in. Price, \$4,000.

One 6-room house; price, \$3,500.

One 8-room house; price \$3,000.

One 6-room house; price \$1,600.

See A. M. Avant.

Fool Fashionables and Lickspittle Journalism

Our metropolitan daily papers devote thousands of pages a year to the silly doings and idiotic sayings of high society women, giving minute and insinuating detail to the fool things they wear and the vapors of their empty minds. There can be but one reason for such absurd toadying, and that, simmered down, is money. The policies of the large daily newspaper of today is dictated entirely from the business office and most of them would kiss the big toe of anybody that has money.

About the nearest thing to nothing in this world is the rich society woman who puts in her whole life as a silly butterfly and trying to be a bigger darning fool than her neighbor rich society woman, and what they say, do, and wear is immeasurably less important than the pastime of spitting up into the air and catching it when it comes down. They haven't the brains of a dove oyster in a tin can, or they wouldn't say the things they say, do the things they do or wear the things they wear.

With the whole world full of duties to perform, good things to do, sensible things to say, proper things to wear, misery to alleviate, kindness to perform, helpful things to think and glorious ambitions to achieve, these poor degenerate, brainless and utterly silly moths spend their time and money aping old world royalty and snobocracy, giving monkey dinners, guzzling champagne, smoking cigarettes, talking nonsense, wearing whatever most displays nakedness of both mind and body, and demonstrating that it is one of the freaks of nature that evolution can scuttle backward like a crab as well as hike forward, a sort of bustle and straight front combine.

And that our great metropolitan newspapers, whose mission should be that of education, enlightenment and the propagation of common sense instead of driving idioecy, should so palpably show the lack and subservient toady to anybody that has, perhaps be questionable means, accumulated a few pitiable dollars, is a sad commentary upon our boasted advanced thought, freedom of speech and purity of exalted purpose. The society pages of the papers, Sunday editions especially, are the most driving rot imaginable, and point unerringly to the conclusion that common sense, brains, ability and principle have been prostituted and bartered for money and what money represents, which isn't very much.

It is possible, doubtless, to learn to use garlic, but we should think it would take several generations to do it. Inspired by the example set by a foreign population we tried some a while back, and for a week after could smell ourself coming around the corner, with a taste in the mouth which language, at least the English and profane, could not make a first payment on describing. Never again!

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From the Marfa Shorthorn

Senior motto: "Always Awake."
Mrs. Vivian Bacon is a special student of the Marfa High School. Her specialty is commercial work.

The school board has asked for a change in the grade books, as they are not able to furnish the others.

Mr. J. C. Bean was a visitor at school Wednesday. We were glad to have him and hope he comes again.

Miss Smith and Mrs. Reddock are now living in the popular school heights, at the residence of Mrs. F. A. Mitchell.

We are glad to hear that John Fortner is back from El Paso. He and Mrs. Fortner went to have his tonsils taken out. He is recovering rapidly.

Those who went to Alpine who were not on the team were: Lorene Settle, Ruth Parrish, Thelma Mitchell, Ora L. Meyers, Albert Gregg, Manuel Wright, Horace Porter.

CHAPEL JAN. 21

On Wednesday morning the chapel exercise was held as usual in the Auditorium. After singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and two verses of "America," Miss Hightower made a beautiful talk to the girls on "School Spirit." Many beautiful ideas were brought out in her talk, and I'm sure everyone present enjoyed it.

MENDIAS-JINER

On the 29th of December, 1919, Eugenio Mendias, our janitor, was married to Miss Adela Jiner. The ceremony taking place at the Catholic Church. Following the ceremony an elaborate breakfast was served at the home of the bride, after which the couple left on the morning train for El Paso where they spent ten days.

MARFA vs. ALPINE (Boys)

The boys' game between Alpine and Marfa was very interesting. The most exciting and thrilling of all the games of the season. At the end of the first half the score stood 7 to 3 in favor of Alpine. In the last half Marfa climbed up until she was three ahead, then Alpine got four putting them one ahead, and the Marfa was one ahead. This was kept up until the last goal thrown by Alpine, giving Alpine the game with a score of 18 to 15.

There were several good plays made by Marfa boys. Joe Mitchell did some fine work, while Forrester Avant was on the spot with his height to calmly take the ball away from the smaller Alpine boys. Leonard Howard made several trick plays which ended in raising Marfa's score. Jimmie Livingston saw to it that his man was properly guarded. Ben Pruett made several good goals. Perry Kerr was knocked out.

MARFA vs. ALPINE (Girls)

At 10 o'clock on Saturday the 17th the Marfa and Alpine girls met on the basketball court in Alpine to play basket ball. The two teams did splendid work, and although they did beat us, it's no sign we didn't do good—they just did better. The game was exciting from beginning to end. At the end of the first half the score was 18 to 6 in favor of Alpine, and at the end of the second 31 to 12. But we are not going to let a little thing like that stop us, but give us determination instead. There has never been a fairer, more perfect game played between any two teams, and both sides appreciated this feeling.

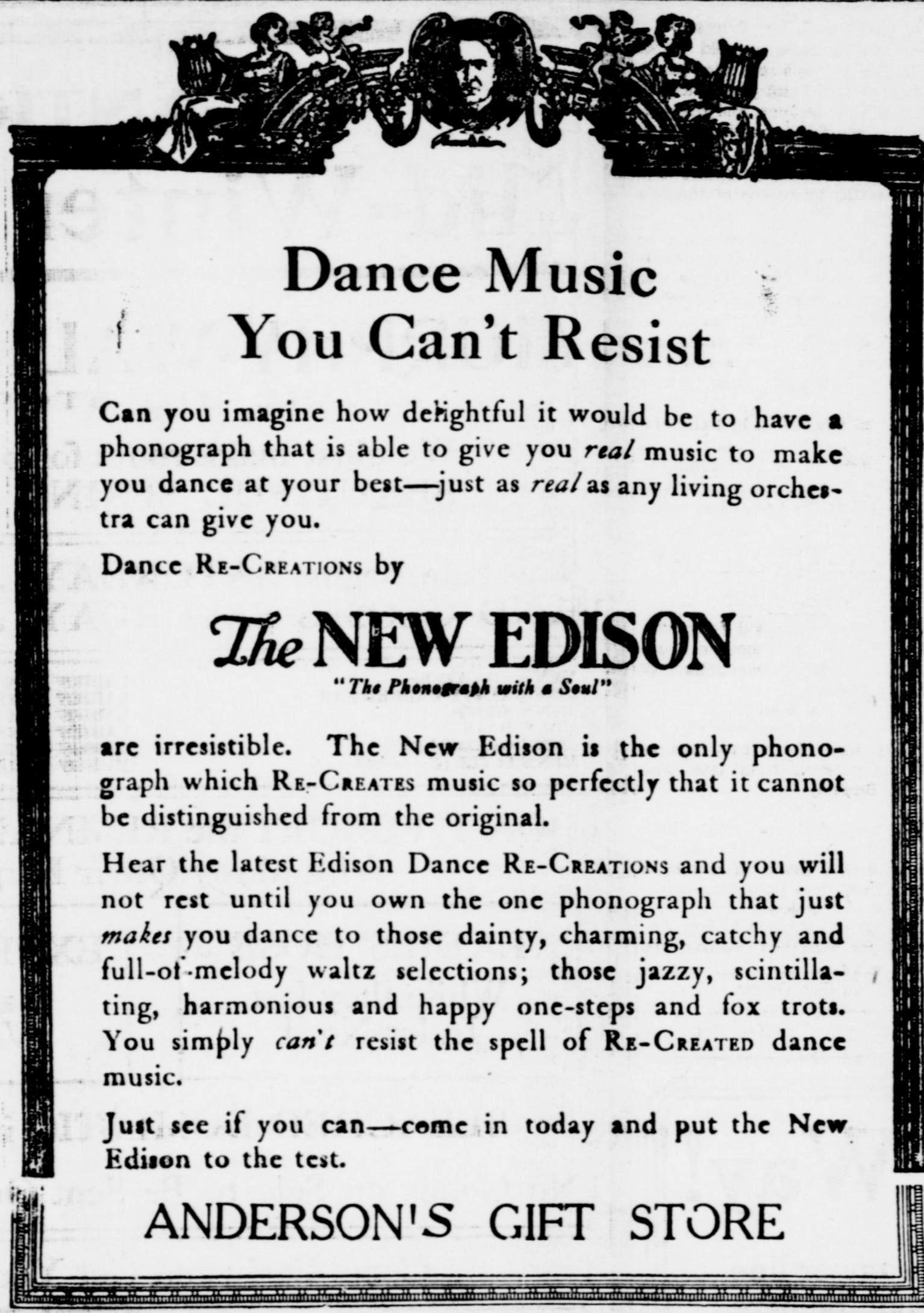
Those who offered the resistance from Marfa were: Marguerite Evans, forward; Penelope Snyder, forward; Aline Duty, center; Katherine Schutze, side center; Tyler Wilkinson and Luella Tyler, guards.

PREVENTING INFLUENZA

If a person has a cold, cough or sore throat, then he should stay at home, avoiding crowds at all times, and especially where there is poor ventilation. If the feet get wet, or the clothing wet or damp, dry them at the earliest possible opportunity. Spend as much time as possible out of doors and be sure that the bedroom is well ventilated. When compelled to cough or sneeze, cover the mouth and nose with a handkerchief, thus avoiding the spreading of germs among others.

In brief, keep the body as healthy as possible, for a healthy body offers a high resistance to the invasion of any disease.

DR. C. W. GODDARD,
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OIL PROSPECTS IN BREWSTER

Alpine, Texas, Jan. 19.—Operations are making good progress in Brewster County. According to geologists, the Pennsylvania formation lies in this county, making it the only county in Texas with the formation which has not been developed. Several promising signs have been found in the shallow wells being drilled. There are no deep tests in the county.

A small showing of oil was encountered in the Presidio's Wilson No. 1, and a good gas pocket was found in the Green Valley No. 1. These wells are at 2100 and 800 feet respectively.

Leasing is active in this part of the county. The Texas Company, Pacific Oil Company, Falcorn Oil and Gas Company and several of the other large concerns have acquired large acreage in the county.

Want one to ten sections of cheap land, school land only. Don't care how rough, dry, rocky nor far out if cheap to trade on. Quote price for your bonus, all cash; in Brewster or Presidio Counties.

FRED OSBORNE,
Athens, Texas.

Professor Bentley Injured

The Alpine Avalanche of the 15th of January says:

We were informed Monday that Prof. Bentley of McAllen, formerly of Alpine, having been school superintendent and editor of the Avalanche, was quite severely injured one day last week.

He was driving in his jitney when a large Buick car collided with him. Prof. Bentley received a cut in his forehead, and had seven stitches taken in it. He was also cut in the back of the head and otherwise cut and bruised, and nearly bled to death before medical aid could reach him.

We are pleased to state that he is getting along nicely, which is good news to his numerous friends in Alpine, and we all trust he may soon fully recover.

For Sale

One Fairbanks-Morse Z type 15 H. P. engine and belt, for \$500.00 cash. This engine has only been used three months and is in the very best condition.

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**On the Silvery Rio Grande
Changes Noted**

The sound of the dancing feet of the Mexican boys and girls is again heard in Candelaria, and the old people are beginning once more to smile, and even to laugh, for the gloomy clouds that long hung over the little village are gone. The sotal song of good cheer and better feeling comes at last from across the river.

On the several festive occasions during the holidays there were no military guards or official spies in women's clothes; no drunkenness or disorders of any sort. Only one did a ripple disturb the peaceful waters. The famous Chico Cano one night suddenly appeared on his fiery grey horse. His huge sombrero and great bandoleers were plainly seen as he rode several times in front of the store of the Mexican who last April stamped on the faces of four of his men after they were dead. The object of his search being nowhere visible, firing a few shots in the air he vanished as silently as he had come.

But riddle of riddles, the present commander on Camp Hill, they say, is no wild-eyed, dry, fog horn blower. Yet his men never indulge in liquor escapades or high jinks sprees of any kind. The gun chaser is also unknown, and the cooler is going to rack for lack of use. Neither is it any longer necessary, in order to maintain discipline among the soldiers, to shoot to death sotal smugglers, though mere boys, giving out the report that they were killed resisting arrest.

And for some strange reason the Mexicans in San Antonio have ceased to complain that Americans in uniform come over the river and mistreat them, compelling them to sell on a promise to pay their native beverage. Before September 24, 1919, these incidents were of frequent occurrence.

No local Mexican gossip spies fed and paid at government expense now laze around public places. Milk goats that nourished sickly children can stray within camp quarters without fear of being shot. Dogs in their own yards are not poisoned any more. No Mexican jackals are burned up for intimidation purposes, and no attempts are now made to assassinate American citizens.

As far as your correspondent knows, there has not been, owing to the alertness of two of the best rangers in the state, a single case of theft on this side of the river.

These officers believe an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, so they do not wait for some crime to be committed in order to pull off a hot air stunt and send in a windy report, but by their very presence keep the peace and by their watchfulness circumvent the commission of lawlessness.

The Captain on the Mound, no longer known as Ananias Hill, is a quiet and forceful officer who does not care, it seems, to hold the funerals of imaginary slain bandits on paper or to engage in any Munchausen performances for public notoriety.

SPANNELL ACQUITTED

On January 17, at Brownwood, Texas, Harry J. Spannell was acquitted.

The case of Spannell, on trial in district court for killing Col. M. C. Butler, at Alpine, Texas, July 20, 1916, was given to the jury early this afternoon.

This is the third time in three years that the fate of Spannell has hung in the balance.

At his first trial Spannell was acquitted of the charge of murdering his wife.

Three months later he was convicted of killing Col. Butler. The court of appeals held, however, that the trial court erred in failing to submit to the jury the plea of former jeopardy.

The jury's verdict sustained the defendant's plea that his acquittal in January, 1917, of the charge of murdering his wife was in effect an acquittal of a like charge in connection with Col. Butler's death. The jury did not, therefore, specifically pass on Spannell's guilt or innocence in connection with the slaying of Butler.

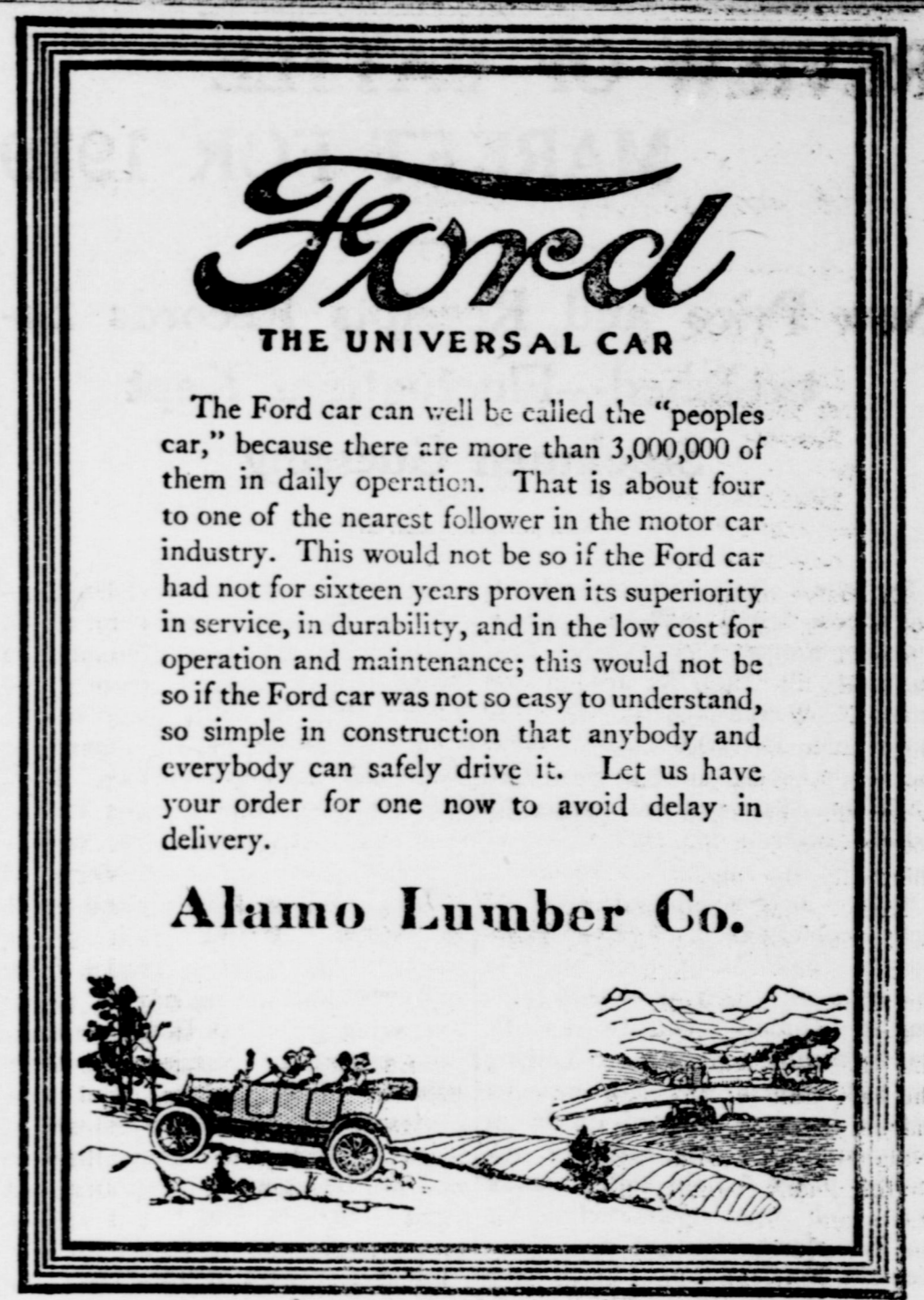
For Sale—Overland Roadster, in good condition; too small for my purpose; a bargain for some one who needs it. Also, one Buick roadster in good condition. For prices and further information call at New Era Office.

We are satisfied with the coffee we think to be the best until we learn Old Homestead Brand is better. Murphy-Walker Co., (2-21-20) Exclusive Agency.

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The feed elements that make whites of eggs are entirely different from those that make yolks. When hens aren't fed both the white and yolk making elements, they can't keep the egg basket full. The usual method of feeding mostly grain makes yolks but not enough whites to complete the eggs.

Missouri Experiment Station tests prove that 100 lbs. of wheat, corn, oats, barley and kaffir corn make (above bodily maintenance) an average of 224 yolks to 154 whites. Based on data from the same experiments, Purina formulas produce, (above bodily maintenance), as follows:—

	Yolks	Whites
Purina Scratch Feed	247.49	142.11
Purina Chicken Chowder	182.05	282.55
Combined Ration	429.54	424.66

These Purina feeds not only make a practically equal number of whites and yolks but *more* of both than ordinary feeds.

Note that Purina Chicken Chowder contains the necessary white-forming elements to balance up the yolk-making grain ration. That's why it makes hens lay so heavily. Instead of the yolks being absorbed by the hen's system, Purina Chicken Chowder makes the whites to complete the eggs and they are laid. Thus we can absolutely guarantee

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There was a man who fancied that By driving good and fast He'd get his car across the track Before the train came past; They met by chance, they had never met before;

He'd miss the engine by an inch And make the train hands sore; They never met again, don't want to, I'll allow.

There was a man who fancied this, There isn't any more! They met but once—'twas a freight train and a cow!

REVIEW OF CATTLE MARKET FOR 1919

New Price and Receipts Records Established---Fluctuations Kept Stockmen Guessing

Exclusive of approximately 1,500,000 calves, seven western markets, Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, East St. Louis, St. Paul, St. Joseph and Sioux City, received during 1919 more than 12,000,000 cattle. With the single exception of theyear 1918 when the cattle run was larger by 800,000 the run for 1919 was numerically the biggest on record.

Rather than being indicative of well maintained production, however, a study of conditions and the character of the run reveals evidences, scarcely open to dispute, that the contrary is the case. During the last half of the year western market hoppers groaned under an avalanche of bovine refugees, including many female cattle, young steers and calves, from sections of the Northwest, drought conditions necessitating depletion of herds over a vast pastoral region. Chicago received nearly a half million cattle from the northwestern range country, including a big contribution from Canada, while St. Paul's record cattle run and Omaha's near-record supply were made possible by enforced liquidation. It is probable that a summer and fall run of cattle of such numbers as that of 1919 never before yielded as little beef.

Few Heavy Steers

It was not the northwestern cattle run alone that was deficient in point of beef tonnage, nor which alone showed evidences of liquidation and other changing conditions in the beef-producing industry. A marked diminution in the proportion of aged cattle, a record run of calves, and a greatly increased quota of warmed up and short fed stock from the big grain feeding sections where the practice of feeding over long periods formerly had been prevalent—all evidenced this liquidation and these changing conditions, and this was true not only at one but all market centers. Average weights of cattle reaching market centers decreased from 100 to 200 pounds from normal pre-war standards. During the latter part of the year long-fed cattle practically disappeared, the high price of corn, other concentrates and hay having increased the cost of producing prime beef to a degree that very few feeders had the temerity to face.

Droughts Reduce Supply

Following a drought of three seasons duration in the Southwest, the conditions encountered by the stockmen of Northwest the past year have, in trade opinion, reduced the country's potential beef supply to an extent that will be reflected in diminished receipts from the Northwest for several years to come at best. Texas, under favorable climatic conditions the past year, was a comparatively small contributor to the marketward movement, making a strenuous effort to recuperate and being a free purchaser of breeding stock, both cattle and sheep. But in attempting to build up its depleted herds and flocks Texas misses the opportunity it long enjoyed to depend upon Mexico as a prolific source of stock supplies.

Few Calves Left on Range

From what source the needed numbers of young cattle are coming during 1920 to restock farms and ranches that have been more or less depleted by the drain incident to war, by dry weather, by fear of high feed bills and by a very material reduction in the grazing and hay producing area, is a question now puzzling the minds of many students of the situation. Small grains and sugar beets have taken possession of thousands of acres of former alfalfa country in the West while pasture and meadow area in the corn belt and adjacent states has been cut down to grow wheat. The gradual expansion of tick free area is swelling livestock production in the Southern States, a region capable of great expansion in a livestock way, and which is being looked upon as a section that will do much to relieve impending scarcity of meat animals.

Market Fluctuations

Among the outstanding features of the year's cattle trade were the relatively high cost of stockers and feeders, the unprecedentedly wide

range in prices and the violent fluctuations in values and demand. In anticipation of a continued and broad expert demand, grazers and feeders laid in cattle early in the year with apparently less regard for their cost than ever before. During the first four months of the year, fat cattle sold high, weekly average prices of beef steers at Chicago ranging from around \$15.75 to \$16.50. Within this period stockers and feeding grades were being bought up eagerly at prices averaging within \$4 to \$5 per hundred pounds of average beef steer values, while pasture land was contracted at theretofore unheard of prices. Then came demobilization and the termination of Government meat contracts, which cut off an immense demand for meat products. Values fell with a thud and the slump was accelerated by producers' anxiety, furthered by a soaring corn market, to unload stock laid in at a high cost. Corn sold at the highest prices of the year during the summer months, the advance being steady until August, when cash corn sold at Chicago up to \$2.10.

High and Low Prices

Top cattle, such as sold up to \$20.40 at Chicago on the March high spot could not pass \$16.40 at the best time in June, and the general average fell from about \$16 in March down to about \$13.50 in June. Early in July choice and prime cattle, by reason of the fact that they had become rarities at all market centers, showed a gradual upturn in values that culminated in new record prices for such specialties early in December, when prime grades were in urgent demand for Christmas trade requirements. Sales were made in the pre-Christmas trade as high as \$20 to \$21.50, but the range in prices was the widest in trade history, common light killing steers selling down to \$8 and comparatively few steers being good enough to pass \$15 at the time when prime Christmas bullocks touched \$21 or better.

STOCK NOTES

W. G. Moore shipped from Valentine on the 18th three carloads of cattle purchased from John Pool and Geo. Newton.

Peyton Packing Company shipped Tuesday from Ryan two cars of calves purchased from Oren and Lucius Bunton.

There are now in Texas about 250,000 fewer cattle than a year ago; still the cattle in the state are worth at least \$5,000,000 more.

J. H. Coker shipped to San Antonio from Marathon Monday two cars of cows and one of calves purchased from Guy Combs.

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On the Way!

My Spring and Summer line of Samples will soon be here showing the best and latest weaves. The fit, quality and workmanship carry a strict guarantee. As for the price, it's going to be as low as is consistent with good work

You'll be more than apt to buy when you see the goods and "ASK the PRICES."

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POST TAILOR

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We must make room for our line of BEAUTIFUL SPRING GOODS

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MEN'S SWEATERS
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MEN'S SUITS (Up-to-Date)

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MISSES' GINGHAM DRESSES

DON'T FORGET the REMNANT COUNTER With Many Other Bargains

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While they last
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Ladies' White
Voile Waists

BLEACHED DOMESTIC in Lot No. 2

No Goods on Sale to Be Sent Out on Approval

Come Early and Get Your Pick

Murphy-Walker Co.

CLASS PREJUDICE BAD STUFF

If there is any one thing above another which ought not to exist at all among intelligent people, it is class prejudice, and especially is this true where one man is as good as another if he behaves himself. Class prejudice never got anybody anywhere yet, and never will, and the more you give it thought the less use you will have for it, if you are a sensible person.

The capitalist, the employer of labor and the man of affairs generally, on the one hand, and the workingman, he who toils and produces, on the other, should be the very best of friends, for the simple reason that each needs the other. Their interests should be identical, there is every good reason why they should be friends and no good reason on earth why they should not. And the only reason they are not, at times, is that such foolish things as class prejudice enter in, and a thoughtless, hot-headed minority sometimes says and does things which they wouldn't if they would take time to study it over.

Each side has rights which the other should respect. In the interest of general harmony each must occasionally make some concessions, and these concessions should never be all one-sided.

Occasionally there is a man of wealth and prominence who looks upon a working man as beneath him, a sort of under dog who was made for nothing else but the grind and toil and do what he is bid, but that sort of man is in a minority. The vast majority of employers of labor think differently, and realize that all reasonable rights of labor must be respected in order that labor produce the best results. Also, occasionally here and there, one runs across a laboring man who thinks more wealthy people should be burned at the stake, or boiled in oil, or something nice and pleasant like that, but that sort of man is also in a vast minority. The bulk of the toilers realize that it takes money and executive ability to furnish employment for the laborer, and that it is barely possible that a man may be rich and still be more or less honest. So we have the extremists on both sides, and they stir up things and often make it disagreeable for all parties concerned.

We have talked to hundreds of workers during the past few years, and find them as a general rule disposed to be as fair and square a set of men as one can find anywhere in America. A great many of them are broad minded and fairly well educated, even if they do wear overalls and get grime and grease on 'em. We have also talked with many men who employ labor, and the majority of them express sentiments toward labor which are a credit to them. Only occasionally do you find one who is disposed to be unfair, but occasionally you do find one, and when you do he is as onery as a polecat.

The extremist on either or both sides of this great everyday problem reminds us of a simile: In riding over the country you have likely heard a loud noise and looked around to discover from whence it came. It was a noise you could hear for miles, and upon investigation you would find that it came from half a dozen grass hoppers and locusts sitting on a fence post and making a chirp that sounded like a steam caliope in a circus parade. And at the same time there was a big herd of fine cattle lying down by the brook in the shade of the trees, silently chewing their cud and saying never a word.

Six katy-dids will make more noise any time than a thousand head of cattle, and yet one cow or steer is worth more than a million grass-hoppers.

Poll Taxes Are Now Due

Any person who was in our army in 1918 and 1919 will not have to pay a poll tax to be entitled to vote. He can vote in his home precinct by presenting his discharge to the election officials, or by making affidavit as to his army service.

The ladies should remember that next year is election year and that they have the right to participate in all primary elections, and the chances now look good that they will have the long deferred right to vote in the next general election; therefore it becomes your DUTY to pay the poll tax and secure the right to vote, that you may by your wisdom help to guide our country through these perilous times.

Any young lady or man who has

reached the age of twenty-one, since the first day of last January, or who will be twenty-one before the election next year can vote in that election; provided they will apply to the tax collector's office and get an exemption certificate before the first of next February. This certificate is FREE.

Anyone, man or woman, who cannot pay their poll tax in person, must send an order with the remittance to the tax collector authorizing some one else to make payment.

How to Compute Your Income Tax

The following illustrations will show how to compute your income tax:

A married man has a gross income from all sources during the year 1919 of \$4600. From this amount he is entitled to deduct the following: Interest received from Liberty Bonds, \$160; contributions to Red Cross, \$100; to Salvation Army \$100; to foreign missions and home missions \$100; and gift to his church of \$140, leaving a net taxable income of \$4,000. Of this amount he is entitled to an exemption of \$2000 on account of being married, and a further exemption of \$400 for two dependant children under 18 years of age, leaving an amount of \$1600 upon which he pays the normal tax of 4 per cent, \$64.

A single person receives during the year a salary of \$1700 and from other sources \$500, ringing his total income during the year to \$2200. He is allowed a deduction of \$100 given to the Red Cross and Salvation Army. He is entitled to an exemption of only \$1000, leaving a taxable amount of \$1100 upon which he pays the normal tax of 4 per cent, \$52.

A single person, who is considered the head of a family receives during the year an income of \$2400. He is entitled to an exemption of \$1000, a further exemption of \$1000 for being at the head of a family, and \$400 for two dependant children under his charge, making his entire income exempt from the tax, but he is required to make the return as shown above.

For Rent—Nice large, boom for gentlemen. Close in. Phone 107.

Locals and Personals

J. E. Wilson of Pinto Canon was in the city Friday.

Mrs. John Daniels and daughter spent last Sunday in the city.

Joe Espy was in the city Monday talking about cattle, trading, etc.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Knight January 7, A. D. 1920, a son.

Mrs. B. F. Corder was registered at the Buena Vista January 18.

Mr. Hunter of the Valentine Drug Co. was on our streets Tuesday.

Harry and George Grierson were in the city Monday from the Fort.

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms. Phone 251.

Dick McGhee, in charge of the Childers ranch, was in Marfa this week.

L. W. Williams and T. T. Nell were in Saturday from the Brite ranch.

Mr. E. P. Lucchese has returned from a business trip to Los Angeles.

H. W. Schutze has moved into his new quarters in the Kirby building.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hornbuckle were registered at the Alta Vista Thursday.

James Stewart, Esq., was in the city last Saturday paying taxes for a number of his clients.

Mrs. J. W. Pool, after spending several weeks with relatives in San Antonio has returned home.

Mrs. Harold Thompson, Mrs. Kenneth Stewart and Miss Maud Clothier were city visitors Monday.

Mrs. J. B. Gillett, accompanied by her daughter Miss Leota, has been spending a few days in El Paso.

FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms, next door to Marfa Manufacturing Co. Mrs. E. P. Lucchese.

J. O. Henry, district attorney, was in Marfa several days last week shaking hands with many friends.

Hall Kilpatrick was in from Candelaria Sunday, en route for El Paso, where he is attending high school.

This week Ed Nevell is moving into his new cafe, the Longhorn. It is up-to-date, and is a credit to the city.

Miss Anna Bell Bunton has been teaching the sixth grade this week owing to the illness of Miss Belle Jones.

J. W. McGuirk, one of Presidio County's prominent citizens, now residing at Deming, N. M., came in Tuesday.

Sergeant Jack Hart of the Hospital Corps has been transferred to the 7th Cavalry and stationed at Fabens.

M. Stool is planning to build a business house on his McGhee property next to that of the Livingston-Mabry Co.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thompson spent several days in New Orleans the first of the month, returning home last week.

Skating at Popular Theatre every Saturday morning and afternoon for children only. Other week days for everybody.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Pool came in Wednesday from their ranch near Valentine, and expect to spend a few days in the city.

Skating at Popular Theatre every Saturday morning and afternoon for children only. Other week days for everybody.

FOR RENT—Three rooms furnished for light housekeeping. See F. L. Landers at post office or phone 132-3 rings.

Murphy-Walker Co. offers wonderful savings in this Big Sale. It is an event with unusual opportunities.

Al Chambers returned Tuesday from Marfa, where he went a few days ago on business. Mr. Chambers left Wednesday for his ranch northeast of town.—The Mountain Eagle.

Mrs. H. G. McHenry, after a weeks illness, is again at her place in the Marfa State Bank.

Sergeant King of the ranger force has been absent from the city for two days this week on official business.

W. H. Cleveland stepped into a hole Thursday of this week, and we understand injured his foot severely.

Miss Lovie Neil left for Fort Davis Friday. She goes to visit relatives and recuperate from her recent illness.

Dr. H. D. Jones of Fort Davis was a train arrival from the East Tuesday. He is expecting to move to Del Rio about the first of February.

We sell Kelly-Springfield and Goodyear Tires. CASNER MOTOR CO. Open All Night.

W. W. Weatherford is thoroughly renovating a part of the old Murphy Walker building, preparatory to the removal of his butcher business there.

Do you need a new storage battery for your car? If so, we have it—the Exide. CASNER MOTOR CO. Open All Night.

Mrs. A. D. Flynt and daughter, Edith, who have been visiting Mrs. Flynt's mother, Mrs. Annie Schutze of Austin, after an absence of six weeks returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brite left Monday for Spokane, Washington. They will attend the National Livestock Association, which convenes there on January 27, 28 and 29.

Mrs. Gordon Hysaw returned Tuesday from Fort Worth, where she has been for three weeks, having been summoned home on account of her father's death.

Mrs. H. C. Rawlins arrived in Marfa Monday to join her husband, who is one of the New Era force. Mrs. Rawlins spent a few days with home folks at Abilene on her way here.

The Marfa High School basketball teams, both boys and girls, went to Alpine last Saturday for games with the teams of that town, and were so badly beaten that the score wouldn't look well in print.

Miss Hillary Harrison of Fort Worth is spending a few weeks in Marfa visiting her brother, Rev. Harrison, pastor of the Baptist Church. She is prominent as a writer and widely known in newspaper circles.

Mrs. H. G. Thompson received a message Thursday that Mr. S. A. Thompson was to undergo an operation for the transfusion of blood. Harold is furnishing the needed blood to save the life of his father.—Fort Davis Post.

It's a shame, a measly shame that our great government cannot afford to erect a suitable post office building for the city of Marfa. It has been suggested that a special officer be employed to conduct strangers to the hole in the wall—the present U. S. postoffice.

J. R. Nash and family are among Marfa's new arrivals and citizens. Mr. Nash is connected with the firm of Mitchell-Gillett Dry Goods Co., and comes highly recommended as an enterprising gentleman. The New Era extends to him the glad hand of welcome, and wishes for him a prosperous New Year in his new home.

Mrs. M. B. Anderson, who for years lived at Marfa and for a number of terms was a popular teacher in our schools, is now residing with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Merrill, in the city several days this week.

Lieut. Walter Acker Jr. and wife were in the city several days this week en route to Candelaria. Lieut. Acker, when the Texas Cavalry was on the river, had command at different times of the outposts at Ruidosa and Candelaria. He is now interested in certain mining interests in the county.

The New Era will soon be moving into its new quarters in the Stockmen's Garage building, which is being thoroughly refitted and adapted for an up-to-date print shop.

The Combination Horse

is without doubt the best horse in the world; why so? It's because he's light, and yet heavy; he's a small horse and also a large one, and after all he is neither, for he's in between—a COMBINATION. For years the automobile-buying public has been demanding a COMBINATION AUTOMOBILE, and for more than five years the

Maxwell

people have been endeavoring to build it. It's a hard car to make, but the same was true of the combination horse—he did not spring up all at once, it required years of intelligent and careful breeding, but when he did appear on the scene of action he made a record and still holds it. Unless you have examined the

New 1920 Maxwell

it may pay you to do so. It's light and it's also heavy—it's a small car and it's also a large one, and yet it's neither, it's in between. It's high-class in make-up and finish, and is making a record, for it's dependable and it performs like a "CUTTING HORSE"—it's a combination. I can make a few prompt deliveries.

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Skating at Popular Theatre every Saturday morning and afternoon for children only. Other week days for everybody.

H. W. Schutze is moving his stock of military goods from the McCracken building to the nifty little "hole in the wall" next door to "Milady's Shoppe". H. W. has fitted this little place up in such a way that it is very attractive.

The Marfa Shoe Shop is having a very attractive sign painted and placed in front of their business first door west of the Williams gasoline station. The proprietors, Dr. A. J. Hoffman and John McDonald, are enterprising business men and the New Era predicts for them unbounded success.

The Queen Theatre was packed all day both days of the "Miracle Man." This show was one of the best on the boards, and while Manager Orgain was disappointed in not getting the reels on the days he had advertised, yet he says he was quite well satisfied with the patronage accorded him.

Auto Painting

Leave orders Marfa Lumber Co. All kinds of signs painted.

(If) J. J. Maurer.

Americanism Is Best

The recommendations on Americanism adopted by the Washington Educational Association, in convention at Seattle, were the basis for every other immediately realizable proposal of the organization endorsed.

More and more, as the country is testing out other schemes that have been or are being proposed, it is learning how all-sufficient is our own conception of right, justice and decency.

We are learning anew the truth which every intelligent immigrant of an earlier day comprehended as soon as he had learned the language of the country and investigated its institutions—that America is the model for the entire progressive world.

How to Build Bustles

And now the fashion makers are again threatening to bring back the bustle to the female form divine. We thought the bustle had been relegated to the rear years ago—er, that was not what we meant to say, either, as of course all bustles are in the rear—but anyhow, we object with both feet to their coming to the front again, even in the rear. The best bustle a woman can build is made of plenty of corned beef and cabbage, beans, corn bread, greens and pot likker. That beats the wire and cotton brand a mile.

It is now said that the undertakers' trust is about as ironclad as the worst of them, and that the retailers of coffins and death trimmings are absolutely dictated to as to prices they pay and the prices they shall charge. With the meat and food trusts making it hard to live and the undertakers' trust making it hard to die, what is a fellow to do? There is no alternative.

THINKOGRAPHS

It is difficult to teach children more politeness than their parents practice.

You can't tell how little there is in a name until you run across a rural restaurant labeled "Delmonico."

Trouble also finds a lot of men who were looking for something else.

The chances are your generosity costs less than your extravagance.

It isn't so hard to quit smoking; some men quit two or three times a week.

Whether or not she is brave, a woman often shows a lot of backbone at a party.

The man who never expects to be bossed by a poor, weak woman, is a single man.

Some people tell it all in the first sentence, and then ramble on, because their clutch is loose.

If you had a hero medal a lot of people would mistake it for a lodge emblem.

It is difficult for a woman to refrain from looking over at the last chapter to see how the story came out.

There is something suspicious about the charity that is practiced always to the accompaniment of a brass band.

The fact that there are many things that money won't buy isn't much of a consolation to a man who is broke.

People are becoming more civilized every year. Probably a majority of them now eat with a fork, carry handkerchiefs and use toothbrushes.

I Extend to You

The season's greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Wm. HARPER

BUSY BEE

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HOT AND COLD DRINKS

FRESH FRUITS

Fancy Box Chocolates Our Specialty.

We will try to Please You.

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THE PLACE TO GET PURE DRUGS
PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY
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MAC'S DRUG STORE

TEDFORD BROTHERS General Contractors

ESTIMATES FURNISHED ON ANY CLASS OF WORK.
NO JOB TOO LARGE OR TOO SMALL
FOR US TO FIGURE ON.

PHONE 152

OUR CHURCHES

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

Last Sunday the rector spoke on the "Church and Education" and discussed the four main issues of religious education during the past decade. He said that the church schools had found their aim in education: the development of mature Christian character; that they had awakened to the need of self activity upon the part of the child; that they had introduced the graded systems into their schools and that they were now demanding trained teachers for their schools.

At the close of the service the rector gave to each person Dean Hodges' "Episcopal Church" for his or her reading and instruction. "One of the faults of our church-going people today is that they have no reasons to give for the faith that is in them," the rector said. "They know nothing about the doctrines, discipline, ministry and sacraments of their own church. They go because they happen to like the preacher or because the singing is pretty or for some such silly, inane and unchristianly reason. And the blame can be placed in part upon the clergy. When do they ever teach during the service? How far do they give their congregation books and pamphlets about the church? How much real instruction is given by the church of today? Yet Christ said 'Go and teach'."

Next Sunday there will be at 11 o'clock a special service of dedication of the Livesay memorial tablets, the Brown processional cross and the altar candlesticks in memory of Mrs. Hattie Schneider. The service of holy communion will be conducted by the rector at this service also. All are invited to attend.

Saint Paul's to Have Special Service

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Marfa is to keep the festival of its Patron Saint Paul with fitting ceremonies next Sunday, January 25. At 8 a. m. there will be the service of holy communion, at 10 the church school and at 11 there will be the service of holy communion.

At this last named service several memorials will be dedicated. One of these memorials will be a processional cross made of brass and handsomely carved with ecclesiastical designs, the work of the W. E. Schmidt Company of Milwaukee, the noted church memorial house. This cross is the gift of George A. Brown of Alpine, the owner of the Haley ranch, and is given in memory of his father and mother.

Another memorial is a pair of beautiful brass altar candlesticks presented by Adolph Schneider of Marfa in loving memory of his wife, Mrs. Hattie Schneider 1878-1919. These will be first lighted during the communion service.

The remaining memorials are two bronze tablets in memory of Joseph Renick Livesay Jr. and Mary Livesay Hawley, both of whom were born in Marfa and died during October of 1918. Joseph Livesay met his death on the battlefield of France. These tablets along with the pulpit are the gift of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Livesay of Anthony, N. M., and these tablets will be inserted in the pulpit. When the Joseph Livesay tablet is dedicated there will be the singing of the national anthem and patriotic prayers.

These memorials will be dedicated by the rector.

As the dedication services and the holy communion service with the special music will take about one hour and fifteen minutes, the sermon and church instruction will be omitted next Sunday.

All are invited to attend this service. The members of the church are asked especially to be present.

MISSIONARY SERVICE

The semi-annual service of the Christian Women's Board of Missions was observed last Sunday at the Christian Church by the local auxiliary. Mrs. L. C. Brite presided. The Bible lesson was read by Mrs. Hamie, followed by prayer by Mrs. Secrest. Then Mrs. M. B. Anderson, a charter member of this church, was introduced, and made the principal address of the day. Her message was pitched on a high plane, and was encouraging and inspirational. Mrs. A. J. Thompson presented a short general survey of the work of the organization. Mrs. P. F. King, the president, made an appeal for members which was responded to by four, making now a total membership of twenty.

The offering for the day was above \$99.

LADIES' AID MEETS

On last Wednesday, January 21, the Ladies' Aid of the Christian Church was entertained at the home of Mrs. J. W. Harris, with Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Secrest and Mrs. Chostain as hostesses.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. T. Hamie, followed by a prayer by Mrs. Sam Neill. The Scripture lesson was taken from the fifty-first Psalm and was read by Mrs. P. F. King.

As this was the first meeting of the year, the election of officers was held. The nominating committee submitted the following names for the officers of the society for the new year, and they were unanimously elected: President, Mrs. J. T. Hamie; first vice-president, Mrs. M. Wilkinson; second vice-president, Mrs. Sam Neill; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Thompson; press reporter, Mrs. M. Wilkinson.

The visiting committee reported eighty-five visits, including the sick, the strangers, the hospital and the regular visits.

The resolutions of sympathy for the family and friends of our dear friend and co-worker, Mrs. Maria Taliferro, were handed in by the committee, read and passed upon by the society.

The meeting was then dismissed with a prayer by Mrs. J. T. Hamie. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening.

The next meeting will be held the 18th of February.

PRESIDIO TO THE FRONT

Dr. George H. Caudlin was in the city this week, and reports many enterprises being pushed on both sides of the Rio Grande in the vicinity of Presidio, and many others contemplated in the near future.

There will be a number of test wells for oil bored in the County in and near the Presidio precinct. Some of the machinery has already arrived.

Just opposite the proposed site of El Oro a company is now working an important nitrate deposit. The doctor informed us that the mining engineer in charge had told him that the property was worth at least a million.

The Mexican Government has commenced work on the Orient, and without doubt in a few weeks the road will be completed within 40 miles of Presidio.

A number of rich mining properties have been discovered recently in the Sierra Ricas.

MARFA OIL ACTIVITIES

The deep test well being drilled one and a half miles southeast of Marfa by the Ajax Oil Corporation of New York and Fort Worth has reached a depth of about 1000 feet. This well is being watched with great interest, as the results will mean so much to all of the southwestern section of the state. There is 130,000 acres in this lease. Oil leases are selling all the way from 50 cents to \$12.50 per acre.

Geologists have reported favorably on this locality, and so far results have been most encouraging.

This drilling site is about 60 miles southeast of production and aid to lie in direct line with the productive fields of Old Mexico.

Among the big companies now figuring on operating in this field are the Gulf, the Sinclair, the Crown and the Texas.

APPROACHING NUPTIALS

Invitations are issued by Mr. and Mrs. John H. Livingston announcing that their niece, Miss Sue Henderson, on Thursday, the 5th of February, 1920, 7:30 p. m. at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Marfa, will be united in marriage to Mr. Champ Milton Guin.

Miss Henderson is from Independence, Mo., but for over a year has been here with her uncle and aunt. Mr. Guin, who at present is employed by the Government, with headquarters at Marfa, has his home at Houston, Texas.

SENT TO THE HOSPITAL

The cement posts in the middle of the streets of Marfa are having a hard time of it getting out of the way of automobiles. One near the Hurley corner has been knocked out several times.

The other evening a jitney, we are informed accompanied by several bottles of sotol, failed to face the post near the Midkiff corner.

The jitney was picked up Friday morning and taken to Casner's undertaking department.

Born to Colonel and Mrs. Conso-dine, Monday last, a daughter.

FOUR SOLDIERS HELD

The four soldiers who are accused of stealing a Buick auto from T. W. Snyder about January 2 have been captured and are now in the guard house here.

Lieut. C. V. Simpson has been in El Paso investigating the case. He says Col. J. J. Hornbrook intends to make an example of the four men.

Privates Whitney and Lucas, two of the men, were captured a few days after leaving Marfa. The two others, Sweet and Dawson, were captured at Aden, N. M., January 7.

Mr. Snyder has recovered his car.

RANCH SOLD AT MARFA; RANGE IN GOOD SHAPE

Marfa, Texas, Jan. 22.—A ranch and cattle deal of considerable proportions was consummated at Marfa, whereby about 75,000 acres of grazing lan and 3000 head of cattle changed hands. J. D. Nichols of Marfa purchased the holdings from R. H. Evans and J. W. Pool, both of Marfa. The amount of money involved is not available, but at the present price of cattle and Presidio County land it easily required several hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Nichols, in the transaction, secured a lease on the grazing privileges, and bought the cattle outright.

The stockmen of Presidio County have never been quite so elated over the outlook as at the present time. Wet weather during the winter months, so far, has assured to them that the grass will remain throughout the winter in the best of condition, and that, as a consequence, cattle in this section will assuredly fare better this year than for many ay ear.

The raising of white face Herefords on the Presidio County grass has become so profitable that it is at this time practically impossible to buy or lease and pasturage. The chamber of commerce of Marfa has had applications, within the past week, for several hundred acres of grazing land which it has been impossible to fill.—El Paso Herald.

HISTORY CLUB

The next regular meeting of the Marfa History Club will be held on Tuesday evening at 2:30, January 27, at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Pool.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

A civil service examination will be held in Marfa on January 31 for the position of U. S. Government storekeeper. The position pays from \$1,000 to \$1,800 a year. Applicant must have reached 18th birthday.

Rev. J. J. Maurer will occupy the Baptist pulpit at Fort Davis Sunday the 25th.

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